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£45M ADVENTURE SPORT PARK PLANS

£45MILLION plans have been unveiled to revamp and expand Basingstoke Leisure Park to include adrenaline activities such as an outdoor treetop adventure zone, indoor surfing, and a climbing wall.

Leaders of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council announced on Monday they are working with developers NewRiver Retail to design plans for the park in Worting Road.

They will be shaped over the next six months – but the park could also see a redevelopment of the Aquadrome with better flumes, golf activities, and a wildlife-ecology park created.

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The portfolio holder for the project, Councillor John Izett, also mentioned outdoor adventure zone in the style of Go Ape could be a part of the plan.

He told the Observer: "The objective is we believe Basingstoke's Leisure Park can be a regional magnet and I think if we can succeed in our ambitions, that is going to be very good for the borough as a whole, and for jobs."

He added: "We want to bring in new attractions, that I would broaden the appeal of the leisure park.

"It's an exciting possibility – if we bring in new investment, we hope it will act as a catalyst for existing long-lease holders that there is a case for upgrading and improving tired facilities."

The leisure park, which lies a mile west of the town centre, opened in the 1980s and includes an ice rink, swimming pool, bingo centre, indoor bowls, cinema, tenpin bowling alley and the Milestones living history museum.

The borough council owns 45-acres of the 62-acre site – which includes nine acres of green open space called Saunder's Field.

It is entering a six-month "exclusivity period" where they will see what plans NewRiver Retail can come up with.

The London-based company was chosen from a pool of 52 interested developers.

Council leader Clive Sanders said: "If you get the right attractions then we could have a unique centre that will bring people in from a long way.

"The residents of Basingstoke and the borough would get fantastic facilities because it is attractive to people coming in – it has the knock on effect in the attraction of Basingstoke."

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Mixed views on £150m hospital

MORE than 400 people had their first glimpse of designs for a new £150million hospital to be built on the south-east edge of Basingstoke.

A two-day exhibition allowed people to view designs of the critical treatment hospital near North Waltham.

NHS project leader Arnie Lustman (right) was on hand to answer questions.

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Developers picked

• *From front page*

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The plans have been in the pipeline since 2012.

The Observer previously reported residents and councillors were concerned Saunders Field, greenfield land currently used as a flood plain, would be developed harming wildlife.

But Cllr Izett and Cllr Sanders confirmed the plans are for Saunders Field to become a wildlife-ecology zone.

South Ham resident Gerry Traynor, 81, said: "Generally speaking I am in favour of regeneration."

"As long as they don't go mad with bringing in new attractions it will be good."

Councillor Jack Cousens, of Brookvale and Kings Furlong, the ward closest to Saunders Field, said: "From a personal perspective, certainly the residents are more concerned with potential development of Saunders Field.

"Overall improvement of the leisure park is something we welcome."

He added: "I would like to see how we could improve Saunders Field as a wildlife area and encourage people to learn."

South Ham councillor Colin Reagan, said: "Obviously these things need to be kept up to date.

"We need a good mixture of affordable entertainment for people in the area."

Councillor Izett estimated the project would cost around £45m.

NewRiver Retail declined to comment on the plans before the contract is officially signed.

The cabinet are expected to enter the partnership with NewRiver Retail next Tuesday.

Councillors will approve or reject the partnership agreement during the meeting at the council offices in London Road from 6.30pm.

• Basingstoke Aquadrome

More arguments over Manydown

TOWN leaders clashed over a motion to commit to building 40 per cent affordable housing on council-owned land at a meeting on Monday night.

Councillors disagreed on a motion, raised by the Labour candidate for Basingstoke, Paul Harvey, which stated the council should commit to policy in the draft local plan of delivering 40 per cent affordable housing on Manydown.

Manydown is a 2,000-acre development of 3,400 houses planned as part of the council's local plan.

The portfolio holder for the project, Councillor John Izett, said: "If we commit now 40 per cent affordable housing – however much we want to do that – before all the many months of work has been done by the experts on the financial development, we may end up not being able to deliver a viable development.

"Would our residents really thank us if that happened?"

In a pre-meeting report, it states that "the level of affordable housing is likely to have an impact on the viability and probability of the development."

Councillor Paul Harvey said: "If this administration cannot commit to 40 per cent affordable housing on Manydown, it really does beg the question, who are we building all these houses for?"

Conservative councillor Robert Golding agreed: "There is no doubt that it is viable, if we stick to 40 per cent there is not the slightest foreseeable risk that the development would not go ahead."

While Conservative, Laura Edwards, said: "I am committed to seeing that the Manydown development is of the best possible quality and I would hate to see a situation where my residents and new residents were short-changed on infrastructure, improvement and vital developer contributions."

Independent councillor Ian Tilbury added: "This whole thing is an absolute disgrace and the idea now that we can't possibly provide affordable housing on there because we have to allow for all these other things there – it's just getting worse and worse.

"I'm losing the will to live with Manydown, this is just getting really out of hand now," he added.

Councillors were also set to discuss whether more houses should be included in Manydown as part of the local plan.

The local plan guides where houses will be built from 2011 to 2019.

The borough council were told they needed to up the number included in their blueprint as it was too low.

Labour councillor David Potter said: "As I have no assurances that we are going to deliver affordable housing on the 3,400 figure, why would I support finding land for 4,000 plus?"

The comments made by the committee are to be discussed by councillors at a meeting on Friday at the borough council's civic offices at 6.30pm.

News Bites

Suspect E-fit

BUCKSKIN: A man was left shaken after being punched in the face when he left a house in Tweedsmuir Close and witnessed another man damaging a car.

The man then walked up to the 27-year-old victim and punched him in the face, before demanding his wallet at about 9.50pm on Saturday, January 31.

He then hit the victim again and walked off empty-handed with two other men.

The offender is described as white, about 5ft 10ins tall, in his early 20s and slim.

He had a pale complexion, very short brown hair and some facial stubble.

Anyone with information is asked to call Basingstoke CID on 101.

ASDA tills raided

BRIGHTON HILL: Balaclava-clad robbers broke into Asda and raided tills last Friday while staff were inside the Brighton Hill supermarket.

Just before 4.45am two men forced through a side door into the main shop floor.

The pair - wearing identical black tops with black balaclavas - attacked tills and stole cash.

The shop in Brighton Way was closed to the public but staff on duty were left frightened, not injured.

The robbers are both described as being 6ft 1ins tall and of stocky build.

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Plans for new £150m hospital are unveiled

NHS bosses behind a new £150million hospital to be built on the south-east edge of Basingstoke have vowed the town's existing hospital will not shrink to make way for the new one.

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Staffing levels and services will stay the same at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital despite plans for a new super-centre with 800 staff – NHS chiefs said.

More than 400 people had their first glimpse of designs for the hospital during a two-day exhibition last week, held by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Trust at Basingstoke Golf Course.

It would be built on 22-hectares near junction 7 of the M3, north of the A30, and cover most of Hampshire – from Newbury to Eastleigh.

Arnie Lustman, programme director of clinical re-provision at the Trust, is the project co-ordinator for the new hospital.

He said: "I'm feeling very positive. Of about 440 people who attended the exhibition, around 75 per cent were supportive, although we are still collating the responses."

He added: "There will be no staff changes – we are not looking to reduce or increase anything massively.

"The main changes could be moving staff around, depending on their speciality."

Consultants will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Residents came from North Waltham, across Basingstoke, and Winchester to view the plans.

"I feel very positive about upgrading the healthcare in North Hampshire," said Kempshott resident Paul Warren.

"I don't think you can spend too much, we have got to make the investment."

The hospital – for the sickest patients who need treatment for injuries and illnesses including heart attacks, strokes, and major trauma – would have an Accident and Emergency department, pathology building, maternity unit, ambulance station, 749 parking spaces, and a helipad.

It would also lie beside an £18.5m state-of-the-art cancer treatment centre.

A new roundabout would be built on the A30 to access the site.

The Trust runs Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, in Aldermaston Road, Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester and Andover War Memorial Hospital.

It added that the - as yet unnamed – hospital near North Waltham was chosen because of its good transport links.

But a newly formed North Waltham Action Group argues it is wrong to build and develop a new hospital on greenfield land.

Action group campaigner Margery Kit said: "This is a rural area – they have chosen the wrong location.

"We live a rural way of life."

She continued: "It is alarming that they can have the power to develop in fields when housing has been rejected.

"Why is a hospital allowed to do it?

"I am worried about light pollution."

While Christine Rowley, the action group's coordinator, added: "With options of holding this site pre-planning and glossy brochures being produced and distributed, it does seem that the NHS Trust are putting the cart before the horse in proceeding to submit an application in March."

Ward councillor Rob Golding said: "We need to get the full facts.

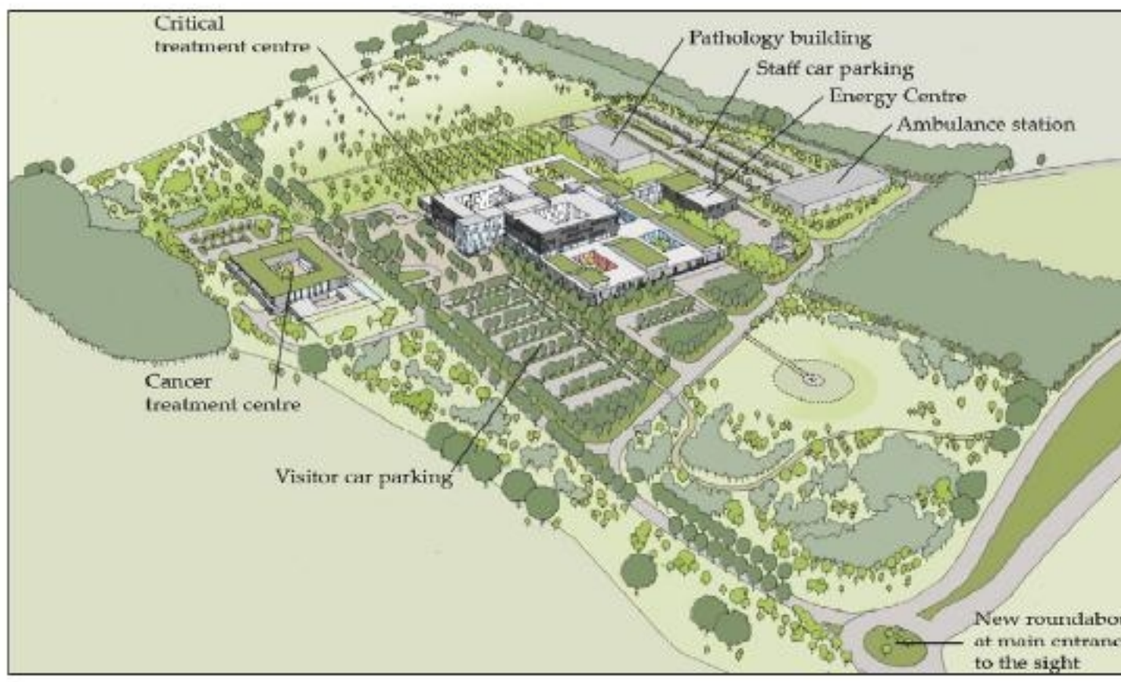
"It is unclear why the site has been chosen but we should get more information soon.

"If it turns out that it is the best site, we need to makes sure all the problems are properly dealt with."

A public consultation on the hospital plans is open until February 20.

Residents can submit comments at hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk.

The Trust hopes to submit a planning application to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council this Spring and start building next year, to open in 2018.



Timeline of new hospital for Basingstoke:

- 2013: Plans of new emergency trauma hospital revealed
- Nov 2014: The Observer gets a tip-off from councillors that a site near Dummer has been chosen for the new hospital
- Nov 2014: NHS confirms site near Dummer is on the north side of the A30, near junction 7 of the M3
- Jan 2015: Chief executive of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust announces consultation
- Feb 4 and 5, 2015: A two-day public exhibition is held where designs of the hospital are put on display
- Feb 20, 2015: Public consultation ends
- Spring 2015:Planning application to be submitted
- End of 2015: Estimated final approval
- Mid 2016: Building work on hospital to start
- Autumn 2018: Hospital to open

Vox Box

Paul Hamilton, 47, of Winkleberry: *"It will be the best service for local people. I want the best for people in the area."*

Adele Stevenson, 40, North Waltham: *"Why should hospitals have different rules? There are 310 houses in North Waltham. We want to live in the countryside."*

Jan Peterson, North Waltham, 59: *"We were told this is the site or you will not get the hospital – that is bullyboy tactics."*

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MP hopefuls quizzed by students in live hustings

CANDIDATES fighting to become Basingstoke's next lawmaker went face-to-face in a live debate at Queen Mary's College on Friday.

Ukip's Alan Stone, Labour's Paul Harvey, Liberal Democrat's Janice Spalding, and Conservative's Maria Miller are all vying for votes at the general elections on May 7 to become Basingstoke's next MP.

Students quizzed them on issues from student fees to immigration, and the way the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community are treated in the UK at the Cliddesden Road college.

The hustings was planned by the Student Union.

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Organiser Peter Marshall, 18, of Shefield-on-Loddon, said: "We wanted to get as many people in to get as many people involved and politically involved and hopefully they will make choices."

The candidates were asked how they would keep in touch with young people.

Businessman and Ukip candidate Alan Stone said: "I've got kids your age, they keep me in touch with what's going on the best they can.

"I run a shop in Basingstoke town centre and I don't intend to stop that even if I do knock Maria Miller off her perch."

Paul Harvey commented: "You've got the bodies, you've got the student unions, what you need is action on the issues you care about – that's what I'm about."

While Janice Spalding said: "I tend to chat to everybody and anybody, on the bus, on the train – anywhere."

And Mrs Miller said: "Going into schools, right the way from the earliest years and talking about the role of an MP and talking to youngsters about the ways we can improve our town and for me that is the way you get the proper information and proper feedback."

At the last general election in 2010, an estimated 44 per cent of registered voters aged between 18 and 24 voted.

But the complacency was not evident among the 100-plus students who turned out.

Tadley student Jessica Ratcliffe, 17, said: "I want a say in my country. It was through friends that I got into politics. I realised I didn't know anything."

Gabriel de Souza, 17, of Oakley, said: "I'm not going to be able to vote but I was really glad to see how engaged people were."

• (From left): Alan Stone, Janice Spalding, chairs, Holly Lock, 17, and Tom Child, 18, Maria Miller and Paul Harvey

Rival candidates agree on issue of immigration

THE four candidates standing to be Basingstoke's next lawmaker in May all seemed to agree about one issue when they met for a question and answer session at a sixth form college last week – immigration.

On February 6, Ukip's Alan Stone, Labour's Paul Harvey, the Lib Dem's Janice Spalding and current Conservative MP for Basingstoke, Maria Miller, all gathered at Queen Mary's College to answer questions from students.

Megan Jones asked the candidates what would happen if immigration quotas were met in the UK and there was a sudden influx of asylum seekers.

She was met with similar responses from all four party candidates.

Paul Harvey said: "We have to remember that we have signed international treaties and we have obligations when it comes to refugees and people fleeing crisis and conflict and we have a duty as nations to honour that.

"I have a real problem with this debate and I am sick to the back teeth with it on the telly and the way it is depicted."

While Conservative rival Maria Miller said: "As a nation we have got a proud tradition of offering sanctuary for people who have got nowhere else to go."

She added: "Paul is absolutely right – there should be no place in this country for xenophobia."

Janice Spalding said: "I think you should put yourself in that situation and I think we should always help."

While Ukip man Alan Stone answered: "All the parties are in total agreement with that.

"Refugee status is refugee status and anyone that needs asylum, needs asylum."

"Too many people tar Ukip with the anti-immigration and anti-asylum brush, we are neither. We are a party that likes immigrants," he added.

AA axe 300 jobs

BASINGSTOKE-BASED company The Automobile Association announced yesterday they will be axing 300 jobs.

The AA, in Basing View, confirmed they are in talks with staff over plans to get rid of the jobs across the company.

It was revealed there would be job losses in Newcastle, where their call centre activity is focused, as well as in Basingstoke.

The AA also announced that around 50 new jobs would also be created.

The job losses were announced so the company can "enhance the service it provides to its members and customers".

Paul Maloney, the regional secretary for GMB – the general trade union – said: "This is yet more bad news from the AA."

He added: "Waiting times for customers are now around two hours up from half an hour before the sale to private equity in 2005.

"If you have to wait for recovery you could be at the side of the road now for up to four hours.The purchase of the AA by private equity back in 2005 has turned out to be a smash and grab robbery of a great British company.

"Having taken over the company the private equity owners proceeded to sink it in to debt and stuck the blood out of it."

The AA was unavailable for comment.

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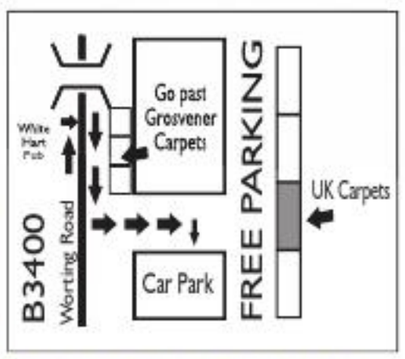

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Lego whizz brothers on the way to USA

BROTHERS from Basingstoke are on the way to engineering stardom.

Daniel Rivett, 13, and his brother Nathan, 14, (above) both of Popley, are part of a team of teenagers, known as C14 Robotics, who will take their Lego robot to the States to compete in a world-class competition in April.

Along with fellow engineers, the two brothers were crowned winners at a robotics competition in Loughborough on February 1 – the UK and Ireland First LEGO League (FLL).

"It's unbelievable to be representing the whole of the UK and Ireland," said Nathan.

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"It's just incredible. I hope we can find sponsors as we'll need a lot of money to get there."

C14 Robotics, which is made up of home-educated teenagers from Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire, now have to raise £10,000 if they want to take part in the world FLL competition in April.

The competition requires them to showcase the Lego robot they created, which is programmed to complete tasks.

Education Secretary Nicky Morgan presented the group with the award two weeks ago.

The group also developed a prototype game for the competition which aims to educate geography students about natural disasters.

Nathan added: "The task was to improve the way someone learns about something.

"We designed a natural disasters simulation game to help people understand how a country can prepare for natural disasters.

"We'd been disappointed about the lack of support for this part of the geography syllabus. We wanted something more dramatic and interesting."

C14 spend 10 to 14 hours a week working on their robots and they run a club where they teach younger children skills.

"We thought it would be nice to share our wisdom with the youngsters," Daniel added.

"We meet in Basingstoke once a week and teach people how to programme, reboot games and let them try the missions. They really enjoy it."

Along with cake sales, supermarket bag packing and a planned sponsored run, C14 are hoping to get sponsorship from local companies.

Chineham nursery steps up to the mark as Ofsted report shows it is top of the class

A CHINEHAM nursery has improved from "good" to "outstanding", according to a sparkling government inspection report.

Willowdene Nursery School in Reading Road was inspected by the government body, the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) on January 14.

A report published on February 4 outlines how enthusiastic staff and good management help children get ready for the next step in their education.

In the report, inspector Helen Robinshaw writes: "Staff help to prepare children well for changes in their lives.

"Children are socially, emotionally and developmentally ready for their moves to school."

The nursery is run from a ground floor of a house.

There are currently 68 children registered at the nursery and 21 people work there.

Ofsted has four grades to award schools during an inspection: "outstanding", "good", "requires improvement" and "inadequate".

At a previous inspection of the school in 2012, Ofsted labelled it as "good".

The report further states: "Children benefit from extremely high standards of education and teaching at this homely nursery.

"This is due to the manager's long-term drive towards excellence, coupled with the willingness of her highly capable and experience team to meet those expectations."

The report also states that in order for the nursery to improve further, it should "extend further the range of resources available to support parents in building on children's enthusiasm for stories and early literacy at home."

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Two arrested

BASINGSTOKE: Two people have been arrested after a fight broke out in Jacobs Alley in London Street between 3am and 3.55am on February 1.

An 18-year-old man and 20-year-old woman, both from Basingstoke, have been bailed until March 27.

Anyone with any information is asked to call 101.

Drugs charge

BASINGSTOKE: A 73-year-old man has been charged in connection with the sale of drugs.

Michael McGinty, of Vyne Road, was charged with allowing a premises to be used for the supply of Class A drugs and allowing a premises to be used for smoking Class B drugs.

He has been released on bail and is due to appear at Basingstoke Magistrates Court on March 10.

Judgement day

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The licensing sub-committee are set to meet on February 19 to discuss the future of a Basingstoke off-licence.

Previously the Observer reported that Eastrop Stores in Eastrop Way could lose its licence after reports of anti social behaviour.

Councillors will discuss the store's future with police at the meeting at the borough council's civic offices in London Road at 6.30pm.

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Sports grants

TADLEY: Organisations have until March 31 to apply for grants from Tadley Town Council to build or improve sports facilities.

The borough council has allocated £48,500 of Section 106 money to the area.

Section 106 money is cash paid by developers for infrastructure and services.

To apply for the money, visit tadleycouncil.org.

Business advice

BASINGSTOKE: A free business workshop will take place at the Innovation Centre in Basing View from February 25 to 27.

The event, run by Europe's biggest entrepreneurship programme, SETsquared, will give people advice on how to bring their business idea to life.

There are 20 places available on the course, which will take place from 9am to 5pm on all three days.

To book a place on the course, contact Serena Giaminardi on 07460 271419.

Council meets

WHITCHURCH: The next scheduled meeting of Whitchurch Town Council will take place on February 16.

The leisure and environment committee is due to meet at Whitchurch Town Hall in Newbury Street at 7.30pm.

Residents are invited to come along to the public meeting and raise issues.

Hundreds of houses planned for Overton

EARLY plans to build 275 homes in Overton have been revealed.

By Mathew Di Salvo
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Developers submitted a screening opinion to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to ask what kind of report would be needed to assess the environmental impact of such a development.

It was submitted by Hemel Hempstead-based developers, Dandara Ltd, and usually comes ahead of a planning application.

Senior planning manager for Dandara, John Richards, wrote: "The introduction of up to 275 new homes on the site will provide much needed new housing within Basingstoke and Deane which is an authority that is currently unable to identify sufficient sources of housing supply to meet their objectively assessed housing need over the next five years."

If approved, the homes would be built on undeveloped agricultural land west of Kingsclere Road and east of Court Drove in north Overton.

Of the 275 homes, 110 (40 per cent) would be affordable.

There would be 20 one-bedroom homes, 115 two-bedroom homes, 54 three-bedroom homes and 86 four-bedroom homes.

However, independent ward councillor Ian Tilbury blasted the plans, and said: "I don't think Overton could cope.

"The level of development would be too dense – the 120 homes planned for Overton Hill is too big, this is twice the size.

"It will be a 15 per cent increase of the village, that is massive."

The application states that most of the new homes would be houses with some one and two-bed flats.

It also reveals that the size of the development would "result in added pressure being placed on existing shops, services and social and community facilities in Overton".

A target decision date for the screening opinion has been set for today.

Basingstoke policing under the microscope

TOP bosses at Hampshire's police force are hosting a special public meeting in Basingstoke tomorrow to debate how to fund policing amid severe cash cuts.

Upping council tax to plug Hampshire Constabulary's funding gap is one option.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Simon Hayes (below right), will host the meeting at Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place at 2.30pm.

He will be questioning Hampshire Constabulary Chief Constable Andy Marsh (below left), what the force's plans are, and conduct a question and answer session with members of the public.

Mr Hayes said: "My commitment to improve and protect frontline policing in my police and crime plane has put neighbourhood policing at the heart of the constabulary's operational model.

"However, the government-imposing cuts of £80million on Hampshire Constabulary have meant we have had to make significant changes."

The Commissioner's Performance, Accountability, Scrutiny and Strategy (COMPASS) meeting is on "maintaining neighbourhood policing in times of austerity".

The Observer reported last month neighbourhood officers in Basingstoke will fall from 32 to 21 and Police Community Support Officers increase from 24 to 26.

In a consultation Mr Hayes asked over 100 Hampshire residents if they would be willing to pay more council tax and 93 per cent supported plans to increase the policing portion of council tax by 1.99 per cent – which would generate £2m.

Residents are asked to call 01962 871595 to register to attend.

Hampshire Constabulary has to make cuts of £25m by 2017 on top of £52.9m of savings already made between March 2011 and 2015 – the government announced in 2010 funding to the police service in England and Wales would be cut by 20 per cent.

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New website

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website is moving to a new website today.

While the switchover is being carried out the council is warning that the websites may go offline for short periods of time.

The new site aims to make it simpler and easier to navigate.

The address will remain as basingstoke.gov.uk.

Apprentices

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke MP, Maria Miller thanked employers for training more than 6,000 apprentices in the town since 2010 in Parliament last week.

The MP brought up the issue during a debate on the future of apprenticeships on February 4.

Last year there were 1,680 people taking part in apprenticeship programmes in Basingstoke.

The MP said: "The value of apprenticeships is deep rooted in Basingstoke."

Jane Austen talk

BASINGSTOKE: There will be a Jane Austen presentation at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre on February 26.

It will focus on ideas of beauty during the writer's lifetime.

The 19th Century English novelist, who wrote Pride and Prejudice, was from nearby Chawton.

It starts at 2pm. Tickets are £3 and can be bought online or at the centre.

Mum-of-two invents web safety game for children

A SINGLE mum took matters into her own hands when she could not find any engaging online child safety advice for her son.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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Stella James, of Rotherwick, near Hook, instead designed and created her own app to warn 13-year-old Zachary of the perils of the internet.

And now Gooseberry Planet has launched - just before New Year - so other parents feel reassured their children know how to stay safe.

Ms James, also mum to eight-year-old Luke, said: "I was getting frustrated because I couldn't find the kind of tool I had in my mind.

"I sat down one night in September 2013, started scribbling on a scrap of paper – and Gooseberry Planet was born."

The 43-year-old businesswoman thought up the game after Zachary got his first mobile phone on starting secondary school at Robert May's in Odiham.

Gooseberry Planet takes a player through a virtual world where they are confronted by situations that test their internet initiative.

During the game they collect stars and meet characters who may ask them to be their friend.

As it progresses, the questions get more sinister and the characters try to gain the player's trust.

The game tells children how to block people online, how to manage webcams and how to work social media.

And parents can get a free parallel app to track their child's progress through the game.

Ms James added: "I could track their activity, but I wanted to do more than that – I wanted them to be aware of the dangers in the first place.

"As a child I was bullied for three years and this is something that I don't want my child to experience."

Now she plans to get the game into schools and is in talks for sponsorship with businesses.

For more details, go to gooseberryplanet.com.

• Stella James with the Gooseberry Planet game

Mayor's Column

Cllr Martin Biermann
Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane

Service providers or vandals?

THERE was a time when many "service" companies were in some form of public ownership.

Railways, postal services, telephones, gas, electricity generation and distribution, water and buses were basically controlled by central or local government. That has long since changed.

Without getting into the pros and cons of the new arrangements in economic or service terms, there has been not much discussed, but very significant consequence.

When in public ownership, they were given various forms of statutory powers based on the fact that as public bodies they would do no harm to the community which ultimately decided upon their activities.

These privileges were left in the hands of these companies when they were privatised.

Take for instance the installation of mobile phone masts and transmitters (for which, with the introduction of 5G, there will be a substantial need for proliferation).

Whilst operators are required to "consult" with local authorities on installation and modifications, they ultimately have almost a free hand. Similarly with electricity, gas and water providers.

Whilst I recognise the importance of efficient provision of such services, it should not be to the serious detriment of the ability of residents to enjoy their homes.

Nor should other parts of our infrastructure, such as roads or footpaths, be degraded.

On this point, the utility companies are required to reinstate highways to the same standard as was the case before installations or repairs.

There are plenty of examples where they have failed to do that and the county council is under-resourced in chasing them to make good damage left behind.

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Axed trees 'expose' residents' homes

RESIDENTS have complained of train noise and decreasing privacy in Chineham after dozens of trees were axed by the railway line.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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About 30 trees have been felled on the railway embankment behind Achilles Close and Renown Way since October.

"It looks a mess, it is disgusting," Achilles Close resident Shelia Browning told the Observer.

The 57-year-old said she can now see and be seen by staff in offices at Chineham Business Park on the other side of the railway line from her living room and garden.

She added: "I enjoyed the privacy – I liked to go out in a bikini in the garden and now I cannot do that.

"One reason I had double glazing was to block out sound – and now I can hear the trains. That's £7,000 wasted."

Chineham resident, Louise Uw Strokes, posted on Facebook: "I can now literally see into one of the business park offices windows, from my house.

"The trees were a buffer so I am now very worried about the noise, the vibrations and the fact that there is no buffer of trees for the trains."

Network Rail said they are felling trees within six metres from the track in Basingstoke as "standard railway practice" – to stop them falling onto the track, and blocking drivers' views of the trackside and signals.

Network Rail spokesman Chris Denham said: "Removing trees is an expensive business and we also recognise that people like to look at trees more than our trains, so it is not something we are doing lightly and we are only doing the work where we really need to."

Basingstoke and Deane borough councillor for Chineham, Martin Biermann, said a private resident's management company – now dissolved - owned the land, but it is unclear who owns it now.

"The logic of the work which Network Rail have been carrying out on the track banking is really baffling," added Cllr Biermann.

"Any weak trees falling in a storm are likely to go downwards, not up onto the track.

The distress – because of lack of proper communication – that this work has caused residents along the track is a disgrace."

Ms Browning said she was notified there would be trees axed in October, but heard nothing when more were cut down last month.

· Some of the trees felled along the railway in Chineham

New community to get its own parish council

TAYLOR'S Farm housing development near Sherfield-on-Loddon could get its own parish council by the end of this year.

Building work on the 1,000-home estate ended in 2014 and households are currently covered by the Sherfield-on-Loddon Parish Council.

But the community is to start making its own decisions when a new parish council is formed.

A second consultation on the plans ended on January 30 and a final decision is to be made by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council in March.

Basingstoke councillor Paul Miller, who covers the ward, said: "It is a great idea."

"I think it is a classic example where local people decide their own future."

During the first consultation in June and August last year the community– named by developers as Sherfield Park – was asked whether it wanted its own parish.

A total of 78 per cent supported the idea.

Last month residents were asked what their parish should be called, who the councillors would be, and how many councillors there should be.

Sherfield Park, Sherfield Valley, Taylor's Farm, Cufaude and Loddon Valley were among the options floated as the parish council's name.

They were also asked what type of parish council it would be – village, neighbourhood or community council.

There is no legal difference between the types of parish council but it reflects the area's identity.

A parish council is the lowest level of government which represents the local community.

Some responsibilities of a parish council include the management of street lighting, village greens, footpaths, burial grounds and leisure facilities.

Basingstoke borough council is now going through the consultation responses before they make a final decision in March.

The new parish council should be set up by 2016.

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Police hunt

HAMPSHIRE: Police are hunting for two men who escaped arrest near Hartley Wintney.

Michael Redford, 21, and Nathan Redford, 27, both of Sandhurst, Berkshire are wanted for offences including assaulting a police officer, going equipped for theft and shoplifting.

They were stopped with another man by police on the A30 between Blackwater and Blackbushe after midnight on January 12 in a Ford Focus.

As they were being arrested, one man assaulted an officer and they ran away.

An 18-year-old from Farnborough has been arrested in connection with the investigation. Call 101 with information.

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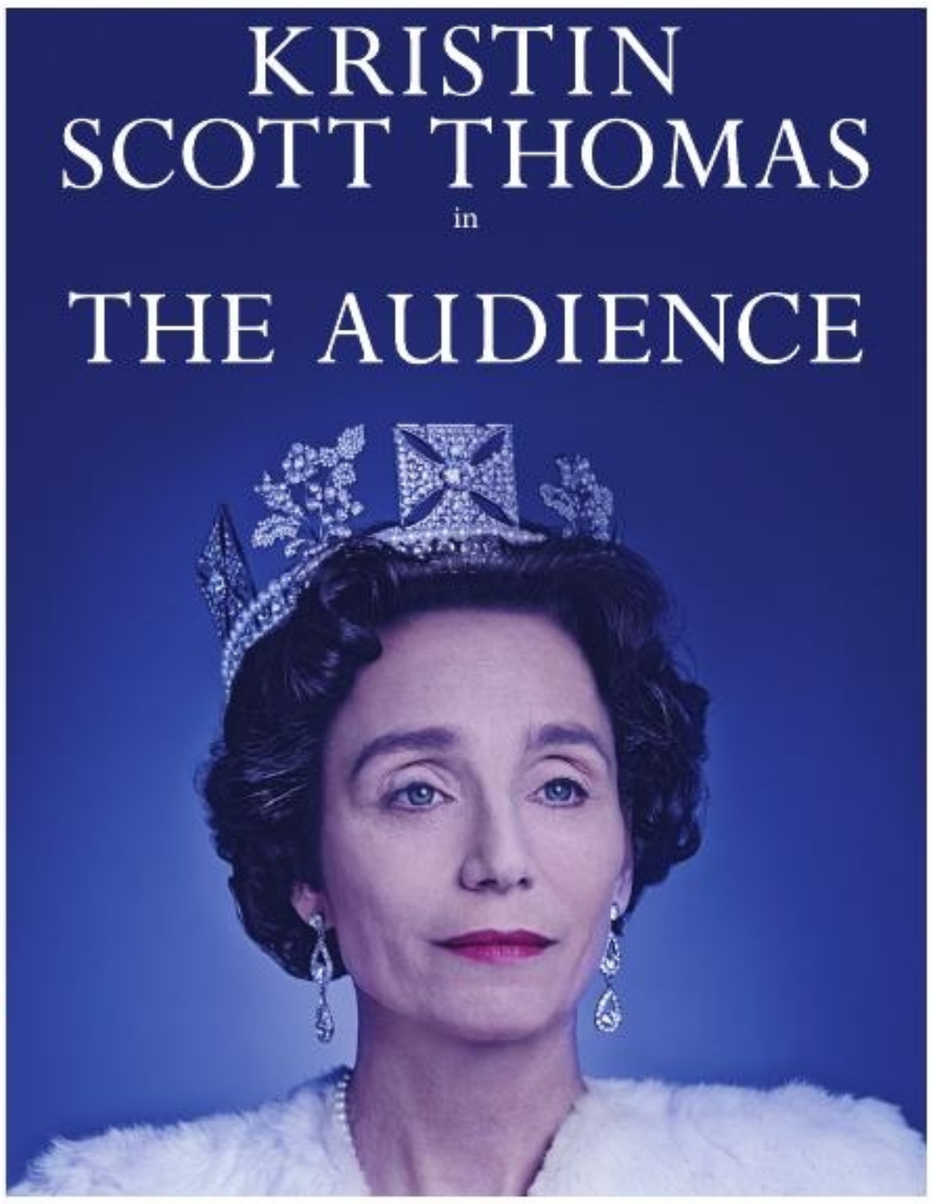

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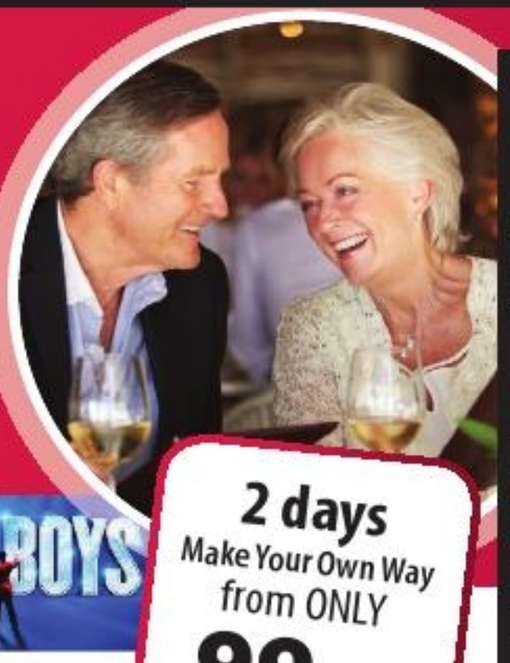

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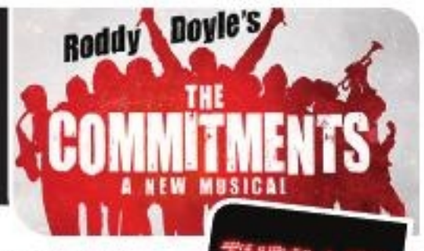

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Corrosive (7)
5 Occur again (5)
8 Pain (4)
9 Weight for athletes (8)
10 Tree (5,8)
13 Insect (4)
14 Always (4)
17 Questioning (13)
19 Vision (8)
20 Way out (4)
21 Examinations (5)
22 Plotter (7)

Quick Clues Down

2 Nautical securing device (6)
3 Relation (7)
4 Pointer (9)
5 Garments (5)
6 More pure (7)
7 Narrated (7)
11 Vigorous (9)
12 Three-pronged implement (7)
13 Accumulates (7)
15 Utmost (7)
16 Courteous (6)
18 Destroys (5)

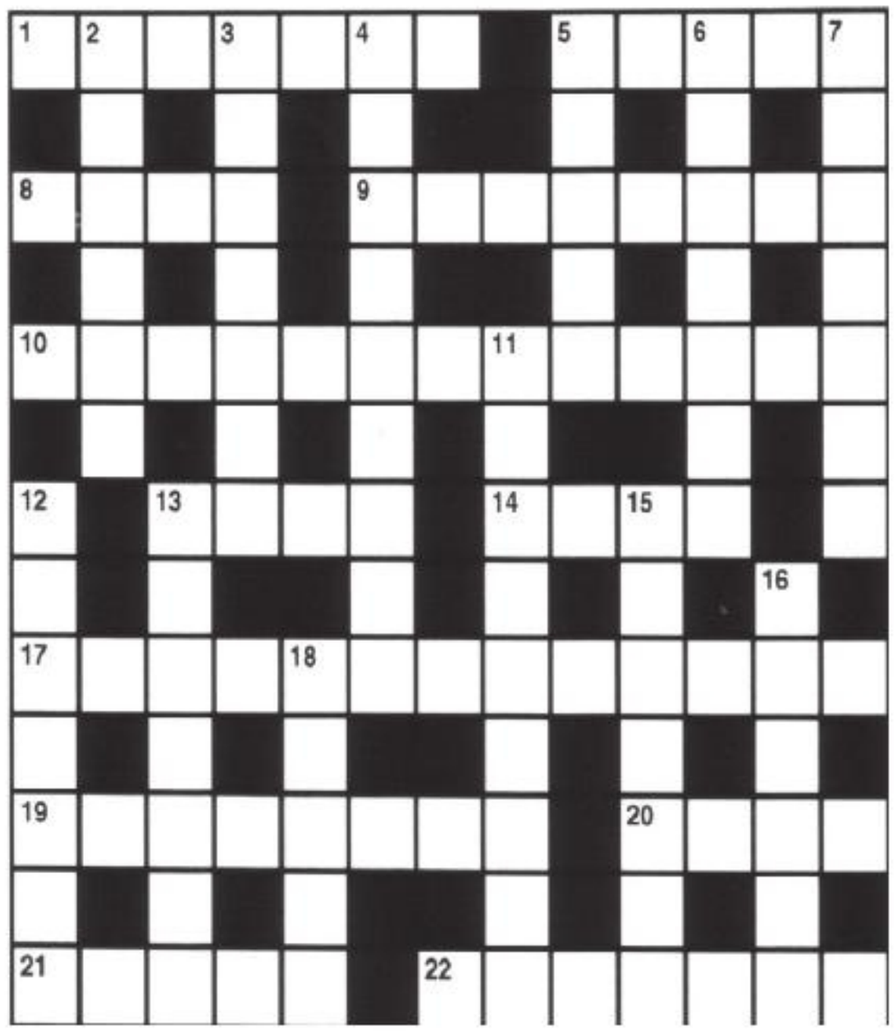
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Hold back the chorus (7)
5 Shapes the actors (5)
8 Lose one's step in the dance (4)
9 Somehow veins put years on face (8)
10 Reproducing for existence ends in scolding (13)
13 He has good taste (4)
14 Encourage 21 to lose his head (4)
17 With which the bird-brained housewife clears the house? (7,6)
19 Read aloud in part (8)
20 Tree in which you hear the sap rising (4)
21 Swell surgeon, who fails to get on (5)
22 Contrary to present-day poetry (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Strays include alternative mistakes (6)
3 Drive back the enemy although about beat (7)
4 Fine fable beggars description (9)
5 Feature a type of porcelain (5)
6 Where one doesn't mind being stranded (7)
7 It sounds a trifling trick (7)
11 Would he never have behaved in cavalier fashion?(9)
12 Where the schoolboy betrays his friends (7)
13 Hear about the girl? Who? Erica! (7)
15 Sure to get movement (7)
16 It's about places in the races (6)
18 He gets a welcome lift (5)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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This week's solutions

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Caustic 8 Archer 9 Dumbbell 10 Horse chestnut 13 Gnat 14 Ever 17 Interrogation 19 Eyesight 20 Exit 21 Tests 22 Schemer

Down: 2 Anchor 3 Stepson 4 Indicator 5 Robes 6 Cleaner 7 Related 11 Energetic 12 Trident 13 Gathers 15 Extreme 16 Polite 18 Ruins

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Refrain 5 Casts 8 Trip 9 Envisage 10 Proliferating 13 Herb 14 Urge 17 Feather duster 19 Rehearse 20 Opas 21 Surge 22 Adverse

Down: 2 Errors 3 Repulse 4 Ineffable 5 China 6 Seaside 7 Sleight 11 Roundhead 12 Informs 13 Heather 15 Gesture 16 Relays 18 Heave

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There are family fun swimming sessions, the H2O Pool Party as well as Junior Gym and Jelly Babies sessions for under 5's. Kids can also learn to swim with the swimming lesson crash courses or take up the challenge to conquer the giant inflatable.

For those that like a bit more excitement, the Aquadrome is home to three large flumes; the Space Bowl, Master Blaster, and Yellow Peril as well as rushing rapids so we're inviting people down to try to beat their personal best and ride the flumes with friends to see who's fastest. For the younger visitors with parents, the lagoon pool area also has water features, a spa pool and a baby beach.

If you'd like to spend some time outdoors, why not visit Basingstoke Golf Centre, only 5 minutes on foot from the Aquadrome where we have a mini golf course – fun for all ages.

Hazel Tilbury, Chairperson of Basingstoke and Deane Community Leisure Trust commented:

"Your local leisure centre is a great hub for families during holidays and I hope people come and enjoy themselves and even try out new activities and make friends. Our aim is to provide the local community with great value facilities and somewhere safe and fun for everyone to enjoy."

Alan Elliott, Contract Manager for the Basingstoke and Deane Community Leisure Trust said:

"We've planned some great activities for the whole family for the half term break and there's going to be a real buzz at the Aquadrome and Tadley Pool. If you've never visited us before, come along and give your local centre a go; if you have, we want to welcome people back and remind them that we have great facilities to offer and there's something here for everyone."

There's no need to book, just come along and enjoy the activities. For further information on opening times, prices and pool etiquette visit our website at basingstokeleisure.com or find us on Facebook and Twitter by searching GymIn Basingstoke, GolfIn Basingstoke and SwimIn Basingstoke.

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The Science Centre also has the UK's largest capacity Planetarium. This is a cinema with a vast dome screen. The image is all around you so that the effect can be like floating in space. The planetarium uses state of the art digital images and a cinema standard sound system. It is a unique experience. Planetarium shows run 7 days a week.

There are two new fulldome films recently added to the planetarium schedule: Back to the Moon: For Good is about the private teams around the world competing for the $40 million prize from Google to land a robot on the moon. Also covers the history of moon landings. In The Life of Trees follow Dolores the ladybird and Mike the glow-worm as they explore how trees live and their importance to our environment. Perfect for children up to 11yr. This show has won many awards for its beautiful imagery.

During February and Easter school holidays there are additional activities running including live science shows daily and extra planetarium shows also. Extended opening hours operate in school holidays as does a free shuttle bus. See website for more details.

There is also a full event schedule for adults only. Look out for Saturday Night Live at the Planetarium and After Dark and Singles Nights.

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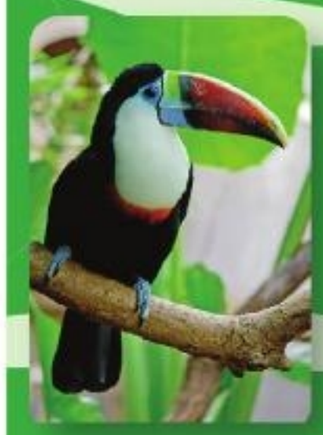

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Friday February 13th

DAYTIME

BBC1

The Graham Norton Show, 10.35pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Wanted Down Under Revisited** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Countryside 999** (S) **11.45 Real Lives Reunited** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather; (S) BBC Regional News and Weather. (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Father Brown** Susie is drawn to the leader of the Church of Apollo. (S)(R) **3.00 The Link** Quiz show, hosted by Mark Williams. (S) **3.45 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.30 Antiques Road Trip** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes;** Weather (S)

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7.00 The One Show Hosted by Chris Evans and Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 A Question of Sport With Robbie Hunter-Paul, Helen Glover, Chris Cusiter and Martyn Rooney; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8

8.00 EastEnders Dot is stunned when Nick reveals his true colours. (S)
8.30 Room 101 With Christian Jessen, Warwick Davis and Victoria Coren Mitchell. (S)

9

9.00 The Musketeers Athos is kidnapped and taken back to his estate of Pinon, where he and his comrades battle a land-hungry nobleman to protect the helpless people he abandoned years before. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show With Julie Walters, Jamie Dornan and Stephen Mangan. (S)

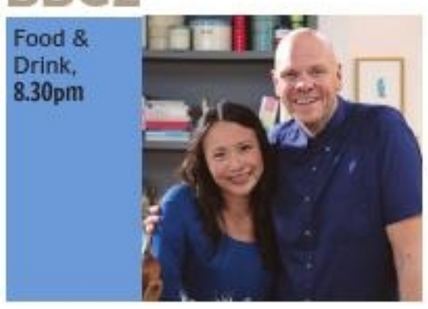
11

11.25 Bluestone 42 The Lieutenant Colonel persuades Towerblock to modify his vehicle. (S)
11.55 EastEnders Omnibus. Lauren tries to guess the passcode to access Emma's phone. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.55 BBC News (S)

BBC2


Food & Drink, 8.30pm

6.00 This is BBC Two (S) **6.05 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **7.05 Countryside 999** (S)(R) **7.50 Real Lives Reunited** (S)(R) **8.20 Sign Zone** (S)(R) **9.05 Sign Zone** (S)(R) **10.05 Sign Zone** (S)(R) **10.35 The Travel Show** (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **11.30 BBC World News** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 The A to Z of TV Gardening** (S)(R) **1.15 Map Man** (S)(R) **1.45 Reputations** (S)(R) **2.45 Rivers with Griff Rhys Jones** (S)(R) **3.45 Open All Hours** (S)(R) **4.15 To the Manor Born** (S)(R) **4.45 Hi-de-Hi!** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** (S)(R) **6.30 The Great Antiques Map of Britain** (S)

7.00 Antiques Road Trip Mark Stacey and Catherine Southon travel to Dundee, Forfar, Inverurie and Cullen, selling the collectibles picked up at auctions in Aberdeen and Elgin in Moray. (S)

8.00 Mastermind Five contestants compete in the first semi-final. (S)
8.30 Food & Drink Party food, with guest Ching-He Huang. (S)

9.00 Italy Unpacked New series. Andrew Graham-Dixon and Giorgio Locatelli embark on a fresh tour of the country as they travel up the east coast, beginning with visits to Matera and Lecce. (S)

10.00 QI With Sarah Millican, Ross Noble and Colin Lane. (S)(R)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Weather (S)
11.05 FILM Tron: Legacy (2010) (PG) Sci-fi adventure, starring Jeff Bridges and Garrett Hedlund. (S)

1.00 FILM The Infidel (2010) (15) Comedy, starring Omid Djalili. (S) **2.40** Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Emmerdale, 7pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **10.55 ITV News;** Weather (S) **11.00 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV News** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S) **3.00 Tipping Point** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Mel & Sue** With TV personality Louie Spence and violinist Andre Rieu. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Emmerdale The Dingles face further heartache. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Owen warns Linda to stay away from him and their daughters. (S)

8.00 Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant New series. A voyage along some of Britain's best canals. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Steve's romantic dinner with Michelle does not go quite as planned. (S)

9.00 Benidorm Mateo reveals his mother-in-law Dolores is threatening to kill him, while Clive tries to retrieve his 5,000 euros from dodgy property developer Monty. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 ITV News and Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 FILM Gosford Park (2001) (15) Robert Altman's period drama, with Maggie Smith, Kelly Macdonald and Helen Mirren. (S)

1.10 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

The Last Leg, 10pm

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **7.10 3rd Rock from the Sun** (S)(R) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **10.05 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.00 Car SOS** (S) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 Three in a Bed** (S)(R) **2.10 Countdown** With Dictionary Corner guest Sherrie Hewson. (S) **3.00 Deal or No Deal** A special couples edition of the game show. (S) **4.00 Shipping Wars UK** Shahbaz is in danger of missing his deadline. (S) **4.45 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S) **5.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast Paloma Faith relives childhood memories with a Portuguese salt cod dish and Jimmy Doherty brews his own DIY craft beer. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Sean Lock and Jason Manford compete against guest captain Sarah Millican and Jonathan Ross, while Bill Bailey joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 The Last Leg Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by David Mitchell, one half of the comedy duo Mitchell and Webb, for a light-hearted review of the past seven days. (S)

11.05 Catastrophe Sharon's parents visit from Ireland. (S)(R)
11.40 Brooklyn Nine-Nine Peralta and Holt try to identify a mole in the precinct. (S)

12.00 Rude Tube 12.55 FILM Strange Wilderness (2008) (15) 2.20 The Big Bang Theory **2.45** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.45** Kirstie's Vintage Home **4.40** River Cottage Bites **4.55** Deal or No Deal **5.50** Face the Clock

Channel 5

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, 10.40pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.10 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS: Los Angeles** The murder of a defence contractor is investigated. (S)(R) **3.15 FILM My Neighbour's Keeper (2007) (PG)** Drama, starring Laura Harring. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Chris and Lucy discover they are both carriers of spinal muscular atrophy. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 The Billion Dollar Wreck Hunt Bad weather forces Andrew Craig and his team to abandon the salvage of the SS Gairsoppa; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers VP and Polar battle it out for the load-count title, but the roads are rapidly being closed and they have a matter of days to make the final hauls. Last in the series; (S) 5 News at 9 (S)

9.00 NCIS: New Orleans New series. Feature-length episode introducing the new NCIS spin-off. Gibbs heads to Louisiana to help an old friend track down a killer. Mark Harmon and Scott Bakula star. (S)

10.40 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A couple are accused of child abuse by their foster son. (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 You've Been Framed! **6.25** Psych **7.10** Emmerdale **8.10** You've Been Framed! **8.40** Dinner Date **9.40** Catchphrase **10.25** Psych **11.20** Royal Pains **12.10** Emmerdale **1.15** You've Been Framed! **1.40** Dinner Date **2.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** You've Been Framed! **7.00** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: Coyote Ugly (2000) (12) **11.05** Take Me Out **12.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.00** Two and a Half Men **1.20** Cockroaches **1.45** Royal Pains **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Fresh Fields **6.25** Wycliffe **7.25** Heartbeat **8.30** Where the Heart Is **9.40** The Royal **10.40** Judge Judy **12.00** Murder, She Wrote **1.00** Heartbeat **2.00** Where the Heart Is **3.10** The Royal **4.15** Never the Twain **4.50** Fresh Fields **5.20** On the Buses **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Law & Order: UK **11.00** Trial & Retribution **12.00** Wycliffe **1.05** The Royal **2.00** Judge Judy **3.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **7.15** Doctor Who **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Tough Young Teachers **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.30** EastEnders **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.10** Family Guy **12.30** Uncle **1.00** Crims **1.30** Russell Howard's Good News **2.00** South Side Story **2.30** Bangkok Airport **3.25** Uncle **3.55** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Secret Knowledge: In Search of Rory McEwen **8.00** Symphony **9.00** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **10.00** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **10.45** You've Got a Friend: The Carole King Story **11.45** Secret Knowledge: In Search of Rory McEwen **12.15** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC **1.15** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **2.15** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **3.00** You've Got a Friend: The Carole King Story

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Hollyoaks **6.25** Charmed **7.10** Made in Chelsea: End of Season Party **8.05** Rude(ish) Tube **9.05** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Charmed **12.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Rules of Engagement **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Rules of Engagement **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Rude(ish) Tube **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) (15) **11.50** The Big Bang Theory **12.50** Marry Me **1.20** Banana **1.55** Virtually Famous **2.40** The Cleveland Show **3.00** 2 Broke Girls **3.50** How I Met Your Mother **4.15** New Girl **4.35** One Tree Hill

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Beat My Build **10.00** Come Dine with Me **11.05** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **11.20** FILM: Murphy's War (1971) (12) **1.25** Time Team **3.35** Walking Through History: North Norfolk **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **6.50** Building the Dream **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** FILM: Black Swan (2010) (15) **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.10** Ramsay's Costa del Nightmares **2.15** Grand Designs **3.25** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Moonraker (1958) (U) **12.40** Ten Tall Men (1951) (U) **2.40** Titanic (1953) (PG) **4.45** Face of a Fugitive (1959) (U) **6.25** The Wind Rises (2013) (PG) **9.00** Hanna (2011) (12) **11.10** Basic Instinct (1992) (18) **1.45** Secretary (2002) (18) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 Flip Men **7.35** Rocket City Rednecks **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** Storage Hunters **11.00** Lizard Lick Towing **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Storage Hunters **2.30** American Pickers **3.30** Storage Hunters **4.00** Lizard Lick Towing **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Storage Hunters **9.00** Not Going Out **10.20** Mock the Week **11.05** QI **11.45** Would I Lie to You? **12.25** Mock the Week **1.00** Storage Hunters **1.30** Lizard Lick Towing **1.55** Dave's One Night Stand **2.45** Live at the Electric

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Sun, Sea and A&E **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **3.00** Harrow: A Very British School **4.00** Futurama **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Flintoff: Lord of the Fries **9.00** Stella **10.00** Quiz Nights **11.00** FILM: Underworld: Evolution (2006) (18) **1.05** NCIS: Los Angeles

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Stargate Atlantis **7.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **9.00** Seinfeld **10.00** House **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** Stargate SG-1 **3.00** Stargate Atlantis **4.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **5.00** Seinfeld **6.00** House **7.00** Blue Bloods **8.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Penny Dreadful **10.00** Fortitude **11.00** Hello Ladies **12.10** The Comeback **12.45** Looking **1.50** Curb Your Enthusiasm **2.25** The Sopranos **3.35** Enlightened **4.05** Stargate SG-1 **5.05** Star Trek: Enterprise

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DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** With chefs Gennaro Contaldo and Anna Jones. (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** The chef shows how to prepare a relaxed meal. (S) **12.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **12.10 Football Focus** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the FA Cup fifth round. (S) **1.00 Bargain Hunt** An antiques fair in Oswestry, Shropshire. (S)(R) **2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** England v Italy (kick-off 2.30pm). (S) **4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** Ireland v France (kick-off 5.00pm). (S) **6.55 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather (S)

7 **7.15 The Voice UK** The blind auditions continue, and competition is fiercer than ever as places on the teams becomes increasingly limited. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes follow the hopefuls' stories. (S)

8 **8.35 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List** Game show, hosted by Shane Richie. (S)

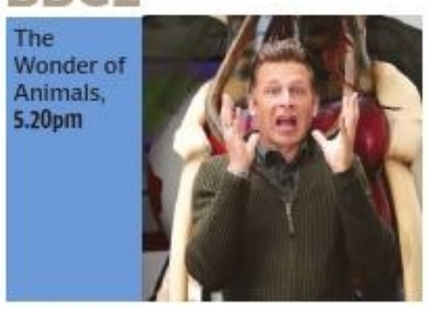
9 **9.25 Casualty** The staff treat a serial killer. (S)

10 **10.15 BBC News;** Weather (S) **10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights** Action from the opening fifth-round matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11 **11.35 The Football League Show** Highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Bolton Wanderers v Watford. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.55** FILM **Wake Wood (2010) (18)** Horror, with Aidan Gillen and Eva Birthistle. (S) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.25** BBC News (S)

BBC2



6.30 FILM **A Double Life (1947) (PG)** (S) **8.10 Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam** (S)(R) **9.10 British Isles: A Natural History** (S)(R) **10.00 Six Nations Rewind** (S) **11.00 FA Cup Rewind: Fifth-Round Classics** (S) **12.00 A Taste of Britain** (S) **1.00 Shelley Winters: Talking Pictures** (S) **1.30** FILM **The Treasure of Pancho Villa (1955) (U)** (S) **3.00** FILM **The Desperados (1969) (15)** Western, starring Jack Palance. (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.20 The Wonder of Animals** (S)(R) **5.50 The Great British Sewing Bee** (S)(R) **6.50 Flog It!** (S)

7.35 How We Got to Now with Steven Johnson New series. The American science author explores the impact on the modern world of innovations in six technologies. (S)

8.35 Dad's Army The platoon prepares for an official visit. (S)(R)

9.05 Simon Rattle: The Making of a Maestro Documentary following the conductor over the course of a year as he prepares for a series of concerts, oratorios and operas with five different orchestras. (S)

10.05 The Dave Clark Five and Beyond: Glad All Over Documentary looking at the impact and legacy of the London band on the American music scene in the 1960s. (S)

12.00 TOTP2: The 60s (S)(R) **12.30** FILM **Telstar: The Joe Meek Story (2008) (15)** Biopic of the record producer, starring Con O'Neill. (S) **2.20** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! (S) **7.35 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters** (S)(R) **7.50 Scrambled!: Adventure Time** (S) **8.30 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry** (S)(R) **8.50 Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash** (S) **9.25 Jeremy Kyle** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News** (S) **12.35 Jeremy Kyle** (S)(R) **1.35 The Unforgettable Larry Grayson** (S)(R) **2.05 The Chase** (S)(R) **3.05 Doc Martin** (S)(R) **4.05 Big Star's Little Star** (S)(R) **5.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.10 ITV News** (S) **5.25 You've Been Framed: The Next Generation!** (S)(R) **6.30 Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes** (S)

7.30 Planet's Got Talent A rapping grandmother, a human Ken doll and obscene dancing. (S)

8.05 Take Me Out Club promoter Seeb, barman Ben, scuba-diving instructor Will and tailor Phil all hope to find their valentine among a line-up of 30 single women. Paddy McGuinness hosts. (S)

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show The host is joined by TV double act Ant and Dec, Jonathan Creek star Alan Davies, Hollywood actress Goldie Hawn and Grammy-winning musician Diana Krall, who also performs. (S)

10.20 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.35 Cricket World Cup Highlights** Australia v England. Tom Skippings presents action from both teams' opening World Cup Pool A match, held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. (S)

11.35 FILM **Balls of Fury (2007) (12)** Comedy, starring Dan Fogler and Christopher Walken. (S)

1.10 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **7.05 Trans World Sport** (S) **8.00 The Morning Line** Alice Plunkett presents from Ascot. (S) **9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **10.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **11.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **12.30 Child Genius** (S)(R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Ascot, Haydock Park and Wincanton. (S) **4.15 Come Dine with Me** Four contestants from Worcester compete. (S)(R) **5.15 The Big Bang Theory** Amy spoils one of Sheldon's favourite films by pointing out a plot hole. (S)(R) **5.45 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.40 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Our Guy in India Part two of two. Guy Martin climbs to the top of India's tallest building, visits a slum and experiences the arrival of the monsoons on his way to compete in Rider Mania. (S)(R)

8.00 The World's Weirdest Weather An icicle the size of a house causes a street to close in Canada as contractors attempt to remove it using chainsaws, and a mysterious green haze envelops Moscow. (S)

9.00 FILM **The Bourne Legacy (2012) (12)** Premiere. A government assassin goes on the run when his employers try to bury their dark secrets by having him killed. Spy thriller sequel, with Jeremy Renner. (S)

11.40 FILM **Sanctum (2011) (15)** Thriller, starring Richard Roxburgh. (S)

1.40 The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.40** Random Acts (S)(R) **2.45** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.55** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.50** Face the Clock (S)(R)

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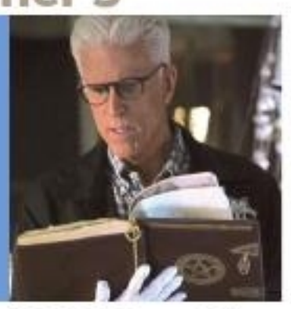

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants Double bill. SpongeBob gets injured at work. (S) **10.35 Access** Showbiz news and gossip. **10.40 The Dog Rescuers** A woman wants to sign her dog over to the RSPCA. (S)(R) **11.05 Ice Road Truckers** (S)(R) **3.00** FILM **Columbo: Double Shock (1973) (U)** Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau. (S) **4.30** FILM **Columbo Goes to the Guillotine (1989) (PG)** Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. (S) **6.20 5 News Weekend** (S) **6.25 NCIS** Harper Dearing is hunted following the attack on the NCIS headquarters. (S)(R)

7.10 NCIS Part one of two. Gibbs is injured in an explosion. (S)(R)

8.05 NCIS Part two of two. Gibbs emerges from his coma with amnesia. (S)(R)

9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A popular high-school chemistry teacher dies in a fire and the CSIs discover he had been part of a secret coven that dabbled in the arcane arts. (S)

10.00 Law & Order A murder is connected to a department store chain. (S) **10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A teenager disappears after making a shocking confession. (S)(R)

11.45 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours The rape of a nine-year-old girl is linked to an unsolved murder. (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Emmerdale **8.40** Coronation Street **11.05** The Cube: Celebrity Special **12.05** Educating Joey Essex: Supermodel Student **1.10** FILM: Small Soldiers (1998) (PG) **3.20** You've Been Framed! **4.50** FILM: She's the Man (2006) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum. **7.00** FILM: Back to the Future (1985) (PG) Sci-fi comedy adventure, starring Michael J Fox. **9.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.05** Reality Bites **10.45** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **11.15** Ibiza Weekender **12.15** FILM: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007) (12) **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Judge Judy **6.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.40** Where the Heart Is **10.55** The Darling Buds of May **12.00** A Touch of Frost **2.10** FILM: Holiday On the Buses (1973) (PG) **3.55** Wycliffe **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Lewis **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** FILM: Tropic Thunder (2008) (15) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Robert Downey Jr. **10.40** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **11.10** Family Guy **1.50** Crims **2.20** Uncle **2.50** South Side Story **3.20** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **3.50** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Amazon: Unnatural Histories **8.00** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **9.00** Spiral **10.40** Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe **11.10** Horizon: Solar Storms – The Threat to Planet Earth **12.10** Horizon: Swallowed by a Black Hole **1.10** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.50** Love Songs at the BBC: A Valentine's Day Special **2.50** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **7.10** The 100 **8.05** Happy Endings **8.35** The Mindy Project **9.00** Suburgatory **9.30** Made in Chelsea **10.35** Taking New York **11.35** Marry Me **12.00** New Girl **1.00** Melissa & Joey **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** Troy **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Run Fat Boy Run (2007) (12) Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg and Thandie Newton. **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.10** How I Met Your Mother **12.40** 2 Broke Girls **1.40** Troy **2.40** The Cleveland Show **3.25** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **4.10** How I Met Your Mother **4.30** Charmed **5.15** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 A Place in the Sun **9.35** Dover Castle: A Time Team Special **10.40** FILM: Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970) (U) **1.25** Four in a Bed **4.10** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **5.15** Come Dine with Me **7.55** The Real Noah's Ark: Secret History **9.00** Trojan Horse: The New Evidence **10.00** Finding Babylon's Hanging Garden – Secret History **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **1.00** Trojan Horse: The New Evidence **2.05** The Real Noah's Ark: Secret History **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Bless This House (1972) (U) **1.00** St Trinian's (2007) (12) **3.00** Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) (PG) **5.10** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) **6.55** One Day (2011) (12) **9.00** The Brave One (2007) (18) Revenge thriller, starring Jodie Foster. **11.25** Betty Blue: The Director's Cut (1993) (18) Extended version of the romantic drama, starring Beatrice Dalle and Jean-Hugues Anglade. **3.05** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 Driving Wars **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** American Pickers **11.00** Storage Hunters **12.00** Lizard Lick Towing **1.00** Man v Food **2.00** Beverly Hills Pawn **3.00** Red Dwarf **7.00** Storage Hunters **8.00** QI **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **11.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.00** Red Dwarf **3.00** Crackanory **3.30** Red Dwarf Special: Smeg Ups **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00** Glee **8.00** Football's Funniest Moments **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** What's Up **12.30** Kingsman: The Secret Service Special **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Inside RAF Brize Norton **3.00** Last Man Standing **4.00** The Simpsons **4.30** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **7.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **9.00** FILM: Underworld: Evolution (2006) (18) Action fantasy sequel, starring Kate Beckinsale. **11.05** Inherent Vice Movie Special **11.35** Hawaii Five-0 **12.35** Night Cops **1.35** Road Wars **2.05** NCIS: Los Angeles **3.00** Brit Cops: Zero Tolerance

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise **9.00** Blue Bloods **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** Alan Partridge's Mid Morning Matters **11.00** Girls **11.35** Togetherness **12.10** Hello Ladies **2.30** Curb Your Enthusiasm **3.10** House **4.05** Friday Night Lights **5.00** House

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Sunday February 15th

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **8.00 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 The Big Questions** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** Presented by Andrew Neil. (S) **12.15 Match of the Day Live** Aston Villa v Leicester City (kick-off 12.30pm). (S) **2.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** Scotland v Wales (kick-off 3.00pm). (S) **5.00 Songs of Praise** Josie D'Arby experiences speed dating with Christians who are in search of love. (S) **5.35 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather (S) **6.00 Super Cute Animals** Why people find certain animals so endearing. (S)

7.00 Countryfile The pros and cons of the hunting ban in Gloucestershire, using pedal-power to exercise foxhounds. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. (S)

8.00 Call the Midwife A Christian Scientist couple refuse medicine for their newborn baby – a case that becomes more complicated when they are accused of harming their child. Sister Mary Cynthia returns. (S)

9.00 The Casual Vacancy New series. Drama based on the novel by JK Rowling, set in a seemingly idyllic village where the locals go to war over an empty seat on the parish council. Michael Gambon stars. (S)

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights Action from the latest fifth-round matches. (S)

11.20 The Apprentice USA The celebrities are tasked with producing a live cooking demonstration for a steak company. (S)

AFTER 12

12.45 FILM Stolen (2010) (12) Fact-based drama, starring Miriama Smith. (S) **2.10** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.15** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.15 Great British Garden Revival (S)(R) **7.15 Glorious Gardens from Above** (S)(R) **8.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.00 The Football League Show** (S)(R) **10.20 FA Cup Rewind: Fifth-Round Classics** (S) **11.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **12.50 The Great Comic Relief Bake Off** (S)(R) **1.50 Food & Drink** (S)(R) Weather for the Week Ahead. (S) **2.25 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.10 Open All Hours** (S)(R) **3.40 To the Manor Born** (S)(R) **4.10 Hi-de-Hi!** (S)(R) **4.45 Flog It! Trade Secrets** (S) **5.15 Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom** (S)(R) **6.15 Ski Sunday** (S)

7.00 The Motorway: Life in the Fast Lane Construction manager Mark Sutton oversees the £190million redesign of Catthorpe Interchange, which links the M1 and A14 to the start of the M6. (S)(R)

8.00 Top Gear Jeremy Clarkson compares BMW's M4 with its hybrid-powered i8 model and Richard Hammond pays tribute to the Land Rover. With guests Will Smith and Margot Robbie. (S)

9.00 Dragons' Den Ideas pitched include an anti-piracy device for sailors, a children's bike horn, a brand of ice-cream with an east Asian flavour and a shopping app. Evan Davis presents. (S)

10.00 Modern Times: Welcome to Mayfair Documentary about the characters who live and work in the area of central London, from an upmarket resident who dresses in Victorian clothing to a cabbie living in social housing. (S)

11.00 FILM The Quiet American (2002) (15) Drama, with Michael Caine and Brendan Fraser. (S)

12.35 FILM The Night of the Generals (1967) (15) Second World War mystery, starring Peter O'Toole. (S) **2.55** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **3.50** Holby City (S)(R) **4.50** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! (S) **7.35 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters** (S)(R) **7.50 Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man** (S) **8.30 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry** (S)(R) **8.50 Scrambled!: Deadtime Stories** (S)(R) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.35 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes** (S)(R) **1.40 River Monsters** (S)(R) **2.10 Mel & Sue's Best Bits** (S) **3.10 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **4.15 FILM For Your Eyes Only (1981) (PG)** James Bond spy thriller, starring Roger Moore. (S) **6.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Get Your Act Together Nina Wadia learns to read minds, Roxy Shahidi tries her hand at contortion, Ruth Madoc teams up with a mime artist, and Jedward practise skipping. (S)

8.15 All Star Family Fortunes With retired footballer Fabrice Muamba and newsreader Ranvir Singh. (S)

9.00 Mr Selfridge Frank learns he may be unwittingly complicit in Kitty's attack, Harry realises his feelings for Nancy are stronger than he first thought, and Violette makes her move on Victor. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Perspectives: Sheila Hancock – The Brilliant Bronte Sisters The actress explores the work of the 19th-century literary family. (S)(R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures. (S)

12.10 The Store 2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

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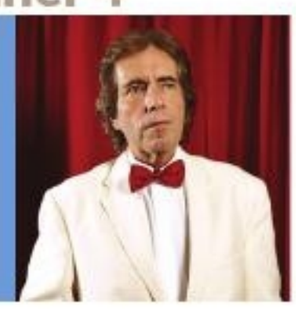

6.15 NFL: Rush Zone (S) **6.40 How I Met Your Mother** (S)(R) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** (S)(R) **1.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **2.25 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.55 FILM City of Ember (2008) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. (S) **4.40 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.05 Location, Location, Location** House-hunting in south Manchester and Cheshire. (S)(R) **6.05 A Place in the Sun** A couple search for a holiday home in Fuerteventura. (S)

7.00 The Hotel Mark hopes to secure his legacy at the hotel with a black-tie gala celebrating local family businesses, but panic sets in when he struggles to sell tickets. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 The Auction House New series. As the goods arrive for the week's sale at Lots Road Auctions, the valuers admire a pair of opulent dog beds, while a regular buyer helps a friend kit out her mansion. (S)

9.00 Indian Summers New series. Drama set during the summer of 1932, telling the story of the decline of the British Empire and the birth of modern India. Starring Julie Walters and Henry Lloyd-Hughes. (S)

10.40 Gogglebox 2014 Highlights from the reality show, featuring the nation's favourite armchair critics commenting on popular TV programmes as they watch them. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (S)(R)

12.15 FILM No Country for Old Men (2007) (15) (S) **2.20** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **3.05** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **5.20** River Cottage Bites (S)(R) **5.30** Face the Clock (S)(R)

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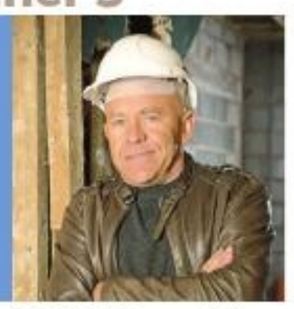

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants Double bill. Patrick tries to rethink his life. (S) **10.35 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge** (S)(R) **12.25 Cowboy Builders** Helping a couple in Caerphilly, south Wales. (S)(R) **1.25 FILM How to Make an American Quilt (1995) (12)** Drama, starring Winona Ryder. (S) **3.35 FILM Loch Ness (1996) (PG)** Family drama, starring Ted Danson and Joely Richardson. (S) **5.30 FILM Lady and the Tramp (1955) (U)** Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Barbara Luddy and Larry Roberts. (S)

7.05 5 News Weekend (S)
7.10 FILM Memphis Belle (1990) (PG) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Matthew Modine and Eric Stoltz. Edited for language and violence. (S)

9.00 FILM War of the Worlds (2005) (12) A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning. (S)

11.20 FILM Drag Me to Hell (2009) (15) Horror, with Alison Lohman and Justin Long. (S)

1.15 SuperCasino 3.10 10,000 BC (S)(R) **4.00** House Doctor (S)(R) **4.25** Make It Big (S)(R) **4.50** Make It Big (S)(R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.30** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Mark Ronson: The Hot Desk **6.10** Life's Funniest Moments **6.30** Emmerdale **9.15** Coronation Street **11.40** Take Me Out **12.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.40** You've Been Framed! **2.10** Scorpion **3.05** FILM: The Little Vampire (2000) (U) Children's adventure, starring Richard E Grant. **5.00** FILM: Space Jam (1996) (U) **6.45** FILM: Miss Congeniality (2000) (12) Comedy, starring Sandra Bullock. **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **10.30** FILM: Not Another Teen Movie (2001) (15) Comedy, starring Chyler Leigh. **12.35** FILM: The Invention of Lying (2009) (12) **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Stephen Tompkinson's Australian Balloon Adventure **7.10** Wycliffe **8.15** FILM: Holiday On the Buses (1973) (PG) **10.00** Heartbeat **12.05** Wycliffe **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50** Rosemary & Thyme **4.55** Inspector Morse **7.00** Lewis **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** City Lights **11.35** FILM: Parenthood (1989) (15) Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin. **1.55** Countrywise Kitchen **2.20** Countrywise **3.10** On the Buses **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 The Voice UK **8.20** FILM: Meet the Parents (2000) (12) Comedy, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller. **10.00** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **11.00** Family Guy **11.50** Uncle **12.20** American Dad! **12.40** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **1.40** Bangkok Airport **2.35** Crims **3.05** Bangkok Airport **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 The Great War **7.40** Britain's Wild Places **8.00** Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic, London 2015 **9.40** FILM: Goodbye First Love (2011) (15) Premiere. Romantic drama, with Lola Creton and Sebastian Urzendowsky. **11.30** Wonders of the Solar System **12.30** Sounds of the 70s **1.00** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **2.00** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **2.45** You've Got a Friend: The Carole King Story **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.15** Rules of Engagement **8.05** The Mindy Project **8.35** Suburgatory **9.00** How I Met Your Mother **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Revenge **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.30** The 100 **3.30** Rude(ish) Tube **5.00** Melissa & Joey **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Zoolander (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller. **9.45** The Inbetweeners **10.50** Rude Tube Shorts **11.05** Rude Tube **12.10** Taking New York **1.15** How I Met Your Mother **2.10** Rules of Engagement **3.00** The New Normal **3.45** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **10.00** Grand Designs Australia **11.05** Tiny House Nation **12.05** Shipping Wars **2.00** Jamie's Comfort Food **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** River Cottage Australia **9.00** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners **10.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **11.05** Sex Party Secrets **12.10** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners **1.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.20** Sex Party Secrets **3.20** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Ten Tall Men (1951) (U) **1.00** Stardust (2007) (PG) **3.30** The Lost World (1960) (U) Fantasy adventure, starring Claude Rains. **5.25** The Waterboy (1998) (12) **7.05** The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (2007) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Alexander Ludwig. **9.00** The Cold Light of Day (2012) (15) Thriller, starring Henry Cavill. **10.50** Unfaithful (2002) (15) Thriller, starring Diane Lane. **1.15** Weekend (2011) (18) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.05 Meat Men **7.30** Traffic Cops **8.00** Top Gear India Special **10.00** Trawlermen **11.00** Traffic Cops **3.30** Top Gear Vietnam Special **5.00** Top Gear India Special **7.00** Storage Hunters **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **8.40** Gavin & Stacey – Christmas Special **10.00** Mock the Week **11.20** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **1.20** Storage Hunters **2.15** Crackanory **2.50** Gavin & Stacey – Christmas Special **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** The Fanatics **8.00** Glee **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** Ashley Banjo's Big Town Dance **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Modern Family **1.00** Inside RAF Brize Norton **2.00** Emergency Animal Rescue **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00** The Holidaymakers **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** Road Wars **2.00** Brit Cops: War on Crime **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** Mission Implausible **5.00** UK Border Force

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise **8.00** Without a Trace **1.00** Seinfeld **5.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.00** Game of Thrones: A Day in the Life **10.35** Fortitude **11.35** Hello Ladies **12.45** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **1.20** Penny Dreadful **2.20** Mad Men **4.10** House

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A Night to Remember

FOLLOWING on from his successful 'Licence to Thrill' tour last year, 'Strictly Come Dancing' star Brendan Cole is back with another sexy and energetic show.

'A Night to Remember' is making its way to The Anvil on February 22.

With his trusty cast of eight dancers and 14-piece band, prepare for the unexpected when Brendan visits the theatre.

The enthusiastic performer along with his crew will cover dance moves from the Contemporary Waltz to the Cha-Cha.

"We have all of the dances you'd expect such as Argentine Tango, Salsa, some beautiful Waltzes, Charleston, Quicksteps, we'll have them all," Brendan told the Observer.

"On the night, I host the show whilst performing, and, I love the fact that the show is very intimate between my cast, the audience and myself.

"It's a real variety type show with all you'd expect to see on Strictly, but it's more atmospheric and

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geared up for a live audience."

Brendan moved to the UK from New Zealand aged 18 to pursue a career in ballroom dancing.

His breakthrough arrived in 1996 when he and fellow ballroom dancer Camilla Dallerup were contestants on the BBC show 'Come Dancing' as amateurs, before eventually becoming professionals on the programme.

The show was later changed to 'Strictly Come Dancing' in 2004, where the Kiwi has appeared in every series of the hit show as a professional dancer.

Prior to his dancing ventures, Brendan worked as a builder and roof layer.

"It hasn't always been my goal to become a dancer growing up but as you get older, opportunities present themselves and you make decisions that are best for you at the time," the 38-year-old said.

"I could have very easily stayed in New Zealand and created my life there, but my dreams were bigger than that.

"I didn't know that it would necessarily be dance but I just knew I wanted more."

He added: "I left school and went into building because I wanted to work.

"I loved doing it and it was during this time, I made the decision that I would move to the UK to follow my dream of being one of the world's best dancers." Tickets cost £35.50 and the show starts at 7.30pm at the Churchill Way theatre.

Call 01256 844244 for details, or book tickets through The Anvil's website: anvilarts.org.uk.

• Brendan Cole will be back at The Anvil later this month with a brand new show

A Victorian magic show

VICTORIAN magicians Rhys Morgan and Robert West will be putting you in a trance with their crazy illusions and tricks at The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre in Bordon this Saturday, February 14.

The couple will aim to merge history and magic for an eventful evening at the Station Road theatre.

Tickets cost from £7 to £10, and the show starts at 6pm.

Call 01420 472 644 for details.

Fleetwood Mac tribute

REGARDED as one of the best tribute acts in the world, Rumors of Fleetwood Mac will be at The Anvil this Friday, February 13.

Formed back in January 1998, the tribute group have performed to more than 700,000 people across the world at over 600 major concerts.

Their current tour started in November and concludes at the end of February.

Tickets for the show at the Churchill Way venue cost £23.50, and starts at 7.45pm.

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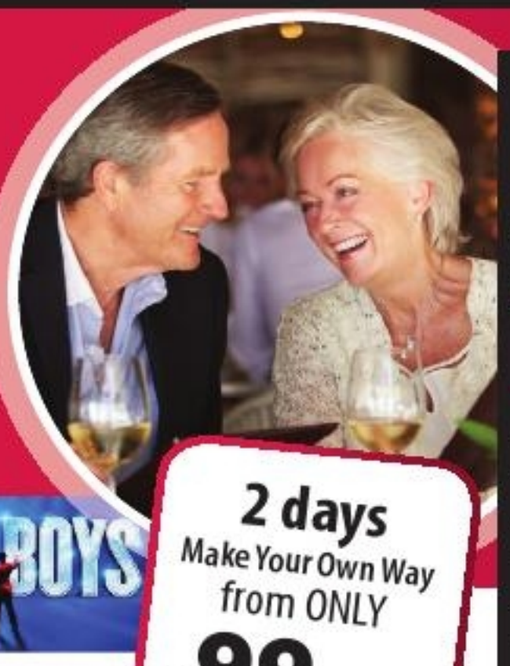

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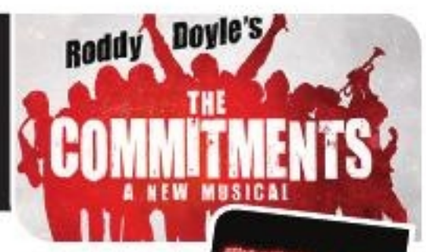

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Don't be a drag, be a queen

THEY are a world away from the Full Monty.

And they're bringing their high heels to Basingstoke.

Drag queens The Supreme Fabulettes will be at The Anvil this Saturday to make it a Valentine's Day to remember.

Martijn Smit (Vanilla Lush), Aaron Johns (Vicki Vivacious), Robert Houston (Silver Summers), Steven Cleverly (Portia de Fosse) and Richard Rhodes (Sheila Simmonds) formed in April 2012 and are regarded as some of the best in their - very specific - business.

"We will be bringing you the true story of The Supreme Fabulettes and how we became the shimmering creation that you will see in front of your very eyes," Vicki Vivacious told the Observer.

"We are also bringing our tallest wigs and highest heels to The Anvil, so we will definitely have you dancing and singing to many hits."

The foursome are bringing their UK tour ' Viva Las Divas' to the Churchill Way theatre for one night only.

Vanilla Lush added: "We're like The Overtones in drag and The Undertones when singing.

"We're also like the love child of Il Divo and Girls Aloud."

The all male-female harmony singers offer up a high energy, audience-involving show.

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The show is directed by Kylie Minogue's creative director and features song contributions by Boy George.

And there is a serious side to the show too.

The group also hopes that their shows can help stamp out homophobia in the entertainment industry.

"Our message is to spread love and joy which can be enjoyed by and with everyone," Portia de Fossee explained.

"Our shows are like one big party where everyone can enjoy themselves, and if we can show that we can all get on for a few hours one evening, then we can certainly do that everywhere we are."

Silver Summers added: "We are delighted with all the great comments and the reaction from audiences as it's very humbling.

"It's great that all our hard work has paid off."

Tickets cost £20 and the show starts at 7.45pm. Visit anvilarts.org.uk for details.

• (Left to right) Vanilla Lush, Vicki Vivacious, Silver Summers, Portia de Fosse

Film screening

'POSTMAN Pat: The Movie' will be shown at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre on February 17.

When Pat's boss cancelled all bonuses, the friendly postman can't afford to take his wife Sara on a late honeymoon to Italy, so he enters a talent show where first prize is a free holiday to the European country.

The free film screening at the centre in Festival Palace starts at 2pm, with all seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Nick Harper

SINGER-SONGWRITER and guitarist Nick Harper will be taking his rock and folk songs to Central Studio on February 21.

The 49-year old from London is a former member of the new wave band 'Squeeze' and is the son of legendary musician Roy Harper.

Tickets cost from £10 to £12 from Queen Mary's College.

Big jazz band

JAZZ musician Chris Barber and his big brass band will be at The Anvil tomorrow evening, February 12.

The 84-year old trombonist, who has been a bandleader for 66 years, will be touring all over Europe .

The concert starts at 7.45pm with tickets costing £21.

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11 February 2015, 7:45 pm
The Anvil
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Shostakovich's music for an unconventional stage production of Hamlet was a product of the exciting artistic ferment that followed the Russian Revolution. Dramatically cogent and powerful music sits alongside more satirical and light hearted numbers in this suite from the full score. Tchaikovsky's piano concerto set the pattern for many future pieces with its dramatic confrontation between heroic soloist and eloquent orchestra. Shostakovich sidestepped the expectations of the Soviet establishment with his Ninth symphony. Expecting a triumphant epic to celebrate the end of the war, what the composer described as the 'light and sunny mood' of this short five movement piece nonplussed the government.
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11 February 2015, 14 February 2015
The Haymarket
TABLE MANNERS
Part of the trilogy The Norman Conquests, Alan Ackybourn's hilarious play depicts the interplay between six characters over a weekend in the dining room as assistant librarian Norman tries to bring happiness to the lives of the three women present at the house with varying results.
http://www.anvilarts.org.uk/

13 February 2015, 8:00 pm
The Forge
GEOFF EALES
In this special project, the inspirational pianist takes the audience on a breathtaking journey through the entire history of jazz piano. Beginning with the sedate ragtime of Scott Joplin and culminating with the improvisations of Eales himself, Geoff pays tribute to some of the world's greatest pianists. "
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18 February 2015, 10:00 am - 11:15 am
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Central Studios
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21 February 2015
The Anvil
SWAN LAKE
The greatest romantic ballet of all time is brought to life by Tchaikovsky's haunting and unforgettable score. From the impressive splendour of the Palace ballroom to the moon-lit lake where swans glide in perfect formation this compelling tale of tragic romance has it all. From Odile, the temptress in black tulle as she seduces the Prince by spinning with captivating precision to the spellbound purity of the swan queen, Odette as she flutters with emotional intensity, the dual role of Odette/Odile is one of ballet's most unmissable technical challenges. The matinee performance is at 2.30pm with the evening performance at 7.30pm.
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22 February 2015, 7:30 pm
The Anvil
BRENDAN COLE
Following his last sell out tour of Licence to Thrill, Strictly Come Dancing's Brendan Cole is once again set to dazzle audiences across the UK with his brand new show, A Night to Remember.
Brendan, one of Strictly Come Dancing's most charismatic choreographers and performers, will host throughout as he leads his cast on a journey of music and dance in a spectacular night of theatrical entertainment.
Loaded with ballroom magic and Latin excitement, Brendan's newest live music and dance extravaganza will be 2015's must-see show!"
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24 February 2015, 8:00 pm
The Anvil
AN EVENING WITH NOEL FIELDING
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28 February 2015, 3:00 pm
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Come on an epic journey to find Anna's sister Elsa, the Snow Queen and put an end to her icy spell."
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28 February 2015, 7:30 pm
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The Anvil
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Citroën Grand C4 Picasso

REVIEW: Citroën Grand C4 Picasso

By **James Richings**

JUST 12 months on from its UK launch, the Citroën Grand C4 Picasso has been crowned 'MPV of the Year' for the second year in a row at the prestigious 2015 What Car? Car of the Year awards.

The awards were held at Grosvenor House Hotel in London last month.

Judges praised the Grand C4 Picasso 1.6 e-HDi 115 Exclusive for offering 'one of the most efficient ways of transporting seven'.

What Car? reviewers gave the French manufacturers four stars for their efforts, citing its pros as a spacious and practical cabin with good visability and lots of equipment.

But cons included a 'notchy' manual gearbox, 'unsettled ride' and 'fiddly touch control screen system'.

"The Grand C4 Picasso does a rare thing, which is offer sixth and seventh seats that can accommodate two adults, and that's before you consider the five in front," What Car? editor Jim Holder said.

"Everyone on board is sure to benefit from an impressive amount of space. The Grand C4 Picasso isn't just big, though, it's clever.

"Families will also love the way the Citroën costs them less than rivals."

He continued: "This 1.6-litre diesel performed strongly in our True MPG tests, despite being powerful enough to haul around a full load of people and luggage.

"It's one of the most efficient ways of transporting seven, as well as being practical enough to meet a huge range of needs."

UK brand and sales director for Citroën, Bekir Hassan, said: "The Grand C4 Picasso continues to lead the way in terms of class-beating interior space, comfort and record levels of efficiency in the MPV segment.

"We're brimming with pride at the news that the Grand C4 Picasso has once again been named best MPV in the What Car? Car of the Year awards."

While the Citroën Grand C4 Picasso was the overall winner for the £16,000-£22,000 category, the Seat Alhambra 2.0 TDI 140 Ecomotive S won the over £22,000 category, while the Citroen C3 Picasso 1.4 VTi 95 VTR+ won the less than £16,000 category at the awards.

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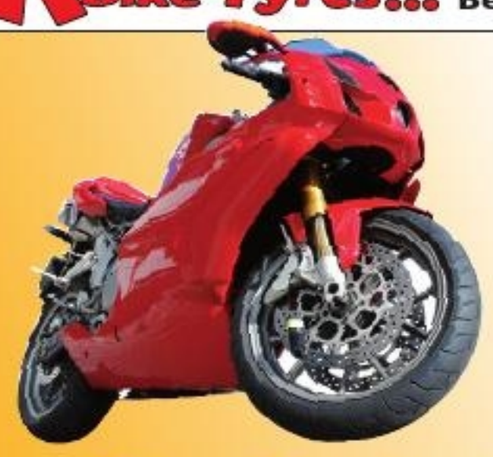

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Steeldogs hounded by Bison in dominant win

Poor results from lower league teams

HARTLEY Wintney were beaten in the Combined Counties Premier league for the first time in 2015 as they were thumped 5-1 by Ashford Town on Saturday.

Third-placed Ashford doomed Wintney to their biggest defeat of the season, despite the two sides having drawn their previous meeting back in November.

It keeps Wintney seventh in the table with 43 points from 27 games, five behind next-placed Spelthorne Sports.

Elsewhere, Whitchurch United lost their second game in succession as they were beaten 1-0 by Newport.

The result follows from their 4-0 drubbing away to Petersfield Town last Tuesday.

The Jam Boys are fourth in the Wessex Premier Division with 54 points, behind Winchester City in third.

They were in action in the North Hampshire Senior Cup last night away to Overton United as the Observer went to press.

Tadley Calleva drew their Wessex First Division clash with Romsey Town 2-2.

Calleva hold on to their position at the top of the league table, but now lead Team Solent by just one point.

They too were in North Hampshire Senior Cup action last night, and were due to host Winchester City.

All three sides return to their league campaigns on Saturday, as Wintney host Bedfont Sports, Whitchurch welcome Lymington Town, while Calleva travel to Downton.

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BASINGSTOKE Bison kept their strong run of form at home going on Saturday as they beat Sheffield Steeldogs 6-1 following a dominant first period from the hosts.

The match got off to a feisty start when Bison were given their first powerplay opportunity just three seconds in.

They took full advantage as Aaron Connolly opened the scoring on 1:18, before Joe Rand doubled their lead less than three minutes later with an effort from close range.

Ciaran Long grabbed Bison's third, and following another Sheffield penalty Joe Greener got the fourth on the powerplay just before the end of the first period.

Bison continued their commanding performance in the second period as they kept on pressurising the Steeldogs goal, trying to extend their lead further.

But they weren't able to add to their total in the second period, keeping the score at 4-0 going into the final 20 minutes.

It was the Steeldogs who scored next, as Ashley Calvert got his side off the mark just after 44 minutes.

Sheffield managed to get more into the match in the closing stages, but any hopes of an unlikely comeback were extinguished after Tomas Karpov fired in the Herd's fifth on 53:46.

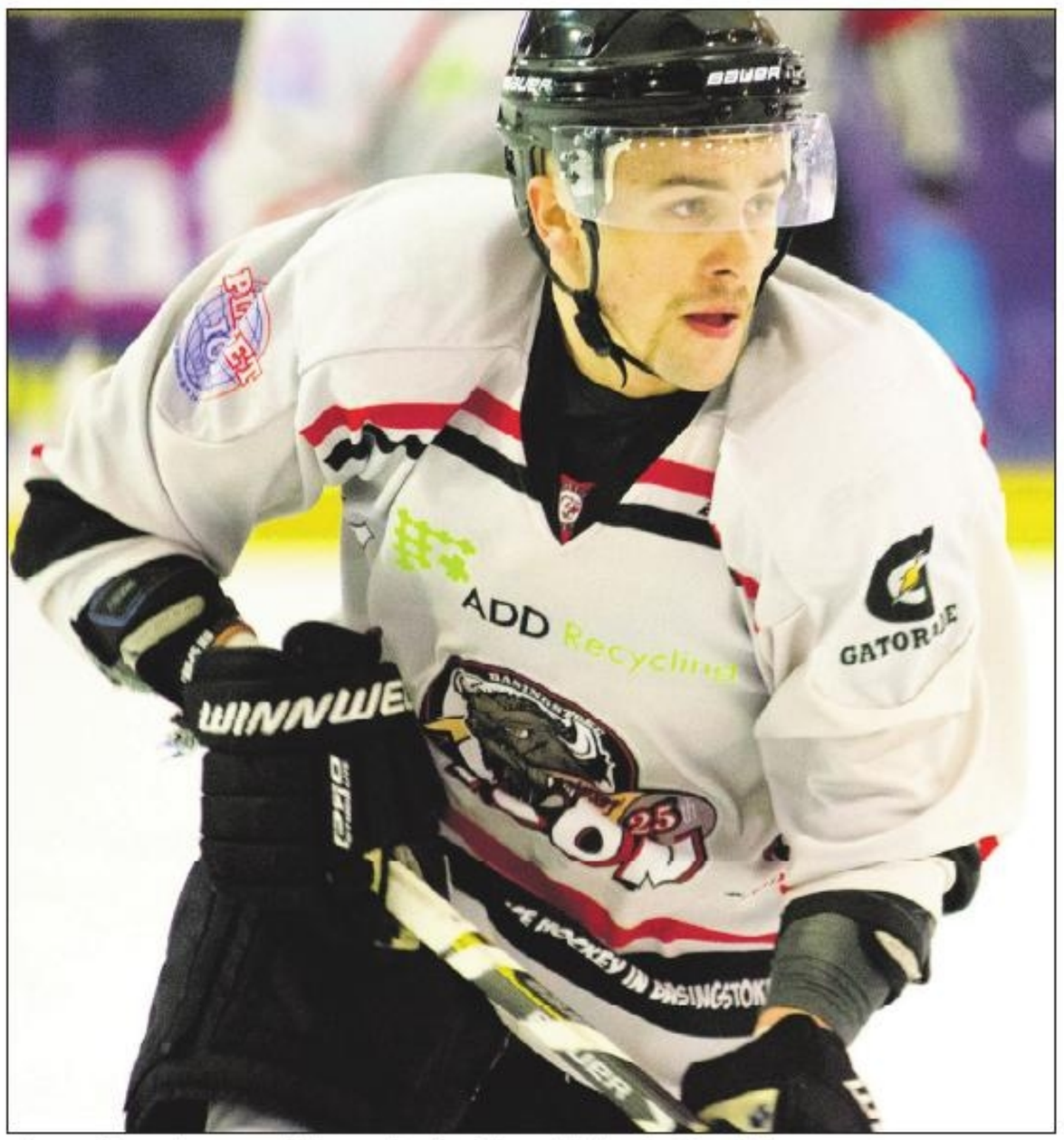
And Cameron Wynn completed the rout with less than two minutes remaining, to leave the final score at 6-1.

Following Saturday's match, Bison remain fourth in the English Ice Hockey Premier League standings with 44 points from 37 games.

They sit two behind Peterborough Phantoms and three adrift of Guildford Flames, but a long way behind runaway league leaders Telford Tigers, who have 63 points.

Bison return to action this weekend as they host Bracknell Bees on Saturday, before making the trip to Peterborough Phantoms on Sunday.

The Herd also have another game a week today as they travel to Guildford Flames.



· Aaron Connolly opened the scoring for Bison (picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

Sport Bites

Rose struggles

GOLF: Justin Rose missed the cut in his first PGA Tour event of 2015 last week after finishing his first two rounds on level par.

His rounds of 74 and 70 were not enough to get him into the weekend at the Farmers Insurance Open tournament, being held at the Torrey Pines course in San Diego, California.

Australian golfer Jason Day won the tournament with a score of nine under par.

Ladies lose

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies were beaten for the first time since November on Sunday as they lost 3-2 at home to Mansfield Road Ladies.

Lindsey Beverley and Samantha Mosley were on the scoresheet for Basingstoke, but it was not enough to give them the victory in their Southern Region Women's Football League Premier Division tie.

The result keeps Town fifth in the standings with 13 points, two behind fourth-placed Bracknell Town.

Basingstoke will hope for a better result in their next league game, which sees them host Newbury Ladies on Sunday.

One apiece

HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club have dropped to sixth in the South Hockey League Hampshire/Surrey Regional 1 standings after Saturday's 1-1 draw with Havant.

Ben Shaugnessey scored for Basingstoke, but Andrew Galliers' goal ensured both sides shared the spoils.

Basingstoke have 24 points from their 14 matches this season, and despite dropping to sixth are only two points behind third-placed Epsom.

They will try and reduce the gap when they take on Woking at home this Saturday.

'Stoke RFC whitewashed by Sidcup 57-0

IT was another miserable weekend for Basingstoke RFC as they were thrashed 57-0 away to a strong Sidcup side on Saturday.

The visitors took the lead after just six minutes when Jim Hardy went over and followed through with a conversion.

It would be another 20 minutes before their next score, but Jon West got Sidcup's second try before Peter Grayson added the third.

And Sidcup secured the bonus point before half-time through Hardy's second try of the match which put the hosts 26-0 up at the break.

West got his second shortly after half-time and was quickly followed by Matt Ody going over for his first try of the match, both of which were converted.

Ashton Dean and Jack Berry also got themselves on the scoresheet towards the end of the match.

And James Poland completed Sidcup's dominant performance with an unconverted try in the last play of the match.

'Stoke remain second bottom of the London 1 South standings after Saturday's game with 22 points, although bottom side Hove's victory against Twickenham meant they are now level with the North Hampshire side.

And 'Stoke now have a week off before their next game.

Their next match will see them host Charlton Park on February 21.

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Town extend winning streak with 3-2 victory over Maidenhead United

DRAGONS HANG ON FOR THRILLING WIN

BASINGSTOKE Town made it two wins on the spin as they saw off Maidenhead United 3-2 in the Vanarama Conference South last weekend.

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Manny Williams, Shaun McAuley and Louie Soares all scored for the Dragons in a goal-fest of a first half.

Town remain fourth in the league table and four points behind league leaders Bromley, who thumped Staines 6-0.

Jason Bristow's side make the trip to St Albans City this Saturday looking to extend their winning run.

The Dragons will be hoping to avoid a repeat of their 1-0 defeat at the hands of the Hertfordshire club back in November.

Last weekend, the visitors started the brighter but it was Town who broke the deadlock after just five minutes.

Nathan Smart broke down the right and his cross was diverted into the path of Williams, who slotted home past Ashley Timms.

But just a minute later Maidenhead were level as Danny Green latched onto a long ball and fired past Stuart Moore.

In what was a frantic opening quarter of an hour, Williams was denied a second goal, before Moore saved from Ashley Nicholls.

And on 12 minutes, the Dragons were ahead after McAuley converted Smart's cross.

Town began to get the upper hand with Liam Enver-Marum and Tom Bird both firing wide but poor defending saw the visitors draw level.

David Tarpey found space down the Maidenhead left and Tashan Adeyinka ghosted in to head home for 2-2 on 26 minutes.

But the drama continued and on 38 minutes a well-taken free-kick saw Soares fire Town back into the lead.

Basingstoke found themselves hanging on to their lead on the brink of half-time but went in ahead as the post denied Tarpey.

The frantic events of the first half continued after the break with Rob Dickie heading wide on 52 minutes before Enver-Marum went close.

And then Moore did brilliantly to keep Town ahead, denying Ryan Upward, Adeyinka, and Bobby Behzadi.

However, Town were soon able to breath a sigh of relief and saw the game out as Lanre Azeez and Jacob Erskine fired wide late on.

Basingstoke Town 3
Maidenhead Utd 2

· Manny Williams (centre) celebrates with Liam Enver-Marum and Louie Soares after opening the scoring for Basingstoke (picture by Les Chase)

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